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In re Application of:

GRIFFITH S. EVANS

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For: **PISTON-ACTIVATED VALVE AND METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
RESTRAINING FREE PLAY IN A DEVICE**

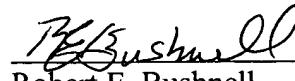
CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

The Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the U.S. provisional application, SN. 60/261,199 filed on 16 January 2001, is hereby requested and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119(e) is hereby claimed.

Respectfully submitted,



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